

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BRANCH**

In re: Pamela Gage, R.N., A.P.R.N.

Petition Nos. 2005-0817-010-069 and
2005-0817-012-006

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

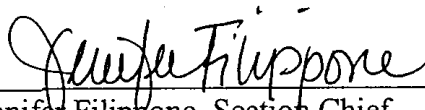
Pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§19a-10 and 19a-14, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") brings the following charges against Pamela Gage, R.N., A.P.R.N.:

1. Pamela Gage of Sandy Hook (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut registered nurse license number R39215 and advanced practice registered nurse license number 000428.
2. On or about September 2, 2003, respondent was involved in a motor vehicle accident in Newtown. Respondent failed a field sobriety test and was arrested for driving while intoxicated. After being taken to Danbury Hospital, respondent tested positive for alcohol and cocaine, and the Newtown police discovered cocaine in her belongings. She was additionally charged with possession of a narcotic.
3. Pursuant to a Memorandum of Decision dated February 2, 2005, respondent's license was placed on probation for four years. Said Decision requires two random alcohol/drug screens per month for the entire probationary period. Said Decision specifically provided that random alcohol/drug screens shall be negative for the presence of alcohol and drugs, and that poppy seed ingestion shall not constitute a defense for a positive morphine screen.
4. On or about July 29, 2005, respondent tested positive for opiates. GC/MS testing confirmed the presence of morphine at a level of 421ng/ml.
5. Respondent's conduct as described above constitutes violations of the terms of probation as set forth in the Memorandum of Decision, and subjects respondent's license to revocation or other disciplinary action authorized by the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§19a-17 and 20-99(b).

THEREFORE, the Department prays that:

The Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing, as authorized by the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§20-99(b) and 19a-17, revoke or order other disciplinary action against the license of Pamela Gage as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 26th day of August 2005.



Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations
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